



MINUTES

SUNNYVALE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION SPECIAL SESSION JULY 26, 2012

The Sustainability Commission met in special session in the West Conference Room of City Hall at 7:00 p.m. with Chair Harrison presiding.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Staff Liaison Clark announced that Commissioner Wheeler has resigned from the Commission.

Commission Members Present:

Commission Chair Sue Harrison
Commissioner Barbara Fukumoto
Commissioner Gerry Glaser
Commissioner Amit Srivastava
Commissioner Joe Green-Heffern

Commission Members Absent:

Commissioner Dan Hafeman (excused)

Council Liaison: Councilmember Jim Davis

Staff Present: Melody Tovar, Regulatory Programs Division Manager
Dustin Clark, Sustainability Coordinator, Staff Liaison

SCHEDULED PRESENTATION

None

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Harrison opened the public hearing to public announcements.

There were no announcements.

Chair Harrison closed the public hearing.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A. Approval of draft minutes of Sustainability Commission meeting of June 18, 2012.

Commissioner Glaser provided clarification to his comments in the Commissioner Comments section of the minutes regarding the request for a presentation on mixed use from the Planning Department. Commissioner Glaser asked that the minutes reflect that what he is looking for from the presentation is that it provide evidence of the benefits of mixed-use development through any studies demonstrating why mix use has worked or did not work. Commissioner Glaser moved and Commissioner Fukumoto seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 18, 2012 as amended.

VOTE: 4-0-1 (Vote to approve was unanimous; Commissioner Srivastava abstained; Commissioner Hafeman absent)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Harrison opened the public hearing to public comments.

There were no comments.

Chair Harrison closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

1. ACTION: Selection of Commission Chair and Vice Chair

Commissioner Harrison was the sole nominee for Sustainability Commission Chair.

Commissioner Srivastava was the sole nominee for Sustainability Commission Vice Chair.

Chair Harrison opened the public hearing to public comments.

There were no comments.

Chair Harrison closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Glaser moved and Commissioner Green-Heffern seconded a motion to select Commissioner Harrison as the Sustainability Commission Chair.

VOTE 5-0 (Vote was unanimous; Commissioner Hafeman absent)

Commissioner Glaser moved and Commissioner Green-Heffern seconded a motion to select Commissioner Srivastava as the Sustainability Commission Vice Chair.

VOTE 5-0 (Vote was unanimous; Commissioner Hafeman absent)

2. ACTION: Proposal of Study Issues

The Commission discussed potential study issues and topics of interest. Topics raised by Commissioners included a Cyclovia event and the role of the City for continued support of the Safe Routes to School program, raised by Commissioner Fukumoto; Additional topics included graywater and water conservation incentives for residents and incentives for residents to plant trees, raised by Chair Harrison. Staff will follow up regarding the status of the City's relationship with Our City Forest.

No action was taken.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Oral Comments

Commissioner Glaser announced that he had attended the 2012 Silicon Valley Energy Summit, hosted at Stanford. Commissioner Glaser commented that the event was valuable and encouraged the City to send staff representatives to the Energy Summit in the future.

Commissioner Fukumoto announced that the Great Race for Clean Air starts September 1 and goes to October 31. The race is a friendly competition between Bay Area employers to reduce pollution and improve air quality by encouraging employees to register for the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's Great Race for Clean Air and change how they commute to work.

Commissioner Fukumoto attended Greening Silicon Valley: Successes, Challenges, & Opportunities on Wednesday, June 27. The event was an in-depth dialogue with a panel of local sustainability officers. The panelists provided an overview of recent sustainability efforts in Santa Clara County, Cupertino, Mountain View, and Palo Alto including accomplishments, proposed programs, challenges, and opportunities.

Commissioner Fukumoto attended a parking seminar series. Commissioner Fukumoto will provide notes to the Commission when they are compiled.

Staff Comments

Sustainability Coordinator Clark informed the Commission of an upcoming joint study session with the Planning Commission and BPAC. The joint study session is the first in a three meeting series by the Planning Department regarding the Land Use and Transportation Element (LUTE) update, Climate Action Plan and Environmental Impact Report related to the two items. The first meeting addressing the LUTE is scheduled for Monday, August 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Conference Room. The first hour of the meeting is intended for the Planning Commission; however, the meeting is open so the other Commissions can attend the full meeting or beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Sustainability Coordinator Clark provided the Commission an update on the time schedule for the Climate Action Plan (CAP) to come before the Commission. The Planning Department has

indicated that the CAP will likely be coming to Council in early 2013. The CAP will come before the Sustainability Commission prior to it going to Council.

Sustainability Coordinator Clark announced that training will be held August 2 at 6:00 p.m. for the Commission Chair and Vice Chair. The meeting will be conducted by the City Clerk's office to help the Chair and Vice Chair conduct a meeting.

Sustainability Coordinator Clark showed the Commission the new Sustainability Events Calendar created to post sustainability events of interest and linked to the City's Community Events Calendar.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dustin Clark, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator

Reviewed by: John Stufflebean, Director of Environmental Services
Melody Tovar, Regulatory Programs Division Manager